

DISTRICT COURT (FIRST DISTRICT : CACHE COUNTY) [1688]

PROBATE REGISTERS OF ACTIONS, 1864-1966

7 microfilm reels

DESCRIPTION: The register of actions or docket book provides a summary of actions filed in probate cases, including a brief abstract of motions and orders, the amount of fees collected, and the eventual disposition. Included are cases tried in territorial probate court, October 1883 to December 1895, and in state district court, January 1896 to May 1966. Some volumes are called Probate and Guardianship Proceedings.

The register of actions or docket book is a listing of all actions relative to an individual case, often on a single page, providing a complete history including the number and title of case, names of attorneys, types and dates of actions filed, amount of fees, and volume and page number of minute book where action is recorded. Because of the unusual jurisdiction of the probate court, the registers include isolated civil matters (primarily divorces, which have separate alphanumeric case numbers) as well as probate cases.

ARRANGEMENT: The Cache County probate registers of actions, 1864-1966, are arranged numerically by consecutive case number.

RESEARCH NOTE: The register of actions acts as an index to minute books and records books, thus providing easy access to begin a search in judicial records. Evidently estate numbers began to be assigned in approximately 1914. Cases filed in the district court since statehood as well as some originally filed with the Cache County Probate Court (1881-1896) presumably were assigned numbers according to the date of filing. These cases have logical numbers at the beginning of the numbering scheme, however, over 60 territorial (1864-1895) and early statehood (1899-1908) cases were initially overlooked. A block of case numbers

was reserved for these cases. As batches were discovered and incorporated into the system, case numbers 1226-1287 were assigned and case information entered on blank pages. Information about several of these cases is recorded on a single page (a departure from the normal procedure of devoting an entire page to each case). When entries for a single case filled a full page, entries were continued on the next available blank page. Numerical order resumes with the filing of the next estate. Case numbers 1290-1473 were never assigned. Two separate volumes both were designated volume 1. The first has cases 1-407 and numbers 1226-1287. The second has cases 412-807. Volume 1A has cases 810-1225.

RELATED RECORDS: The registers superseded ACCOUNT BOOKS (series 22725), which record fees collected by the Cache County Probate Court. Corresponding case numbers are available through the PROBATE INDEX (series 22659). A collection of all documents and actions pertaining to the probate of wills following death which have been filed with the court clerk make up the PROBATE CASE FILES (series 1532). Documents filed in other civil matters are filed in the WEBER COUNTY CIVIL CASE FILES, 1880-1888 (series 1529). The text of filings and court orders are recorded in PROBATE MINUTES (series 22905). Copies of wills, bonds, letters testamentary, and related documents are transcribed in PROBATE RECORD BOOKS (series 767).

CUSTODY HISTORY: The Cache County Clerk was constitutionally designated as ex-officio clerk of First District Court in and for Cache County.

PROCESSING NOTE: According to the 1994 records retention policy of the Utah Judicial Council, registers of actions are considered permanent records. The 1994 Utah State Courts Retention Schedule authorizes microfilming and destruction of original records following a ten-year retention (page 8). Registers of actions were first designated as permanent records in 1983. These records were filmed by the Genealogical Society of Utah in May 1966. These microfilm copies purchased by the Utah State Archives were archivally processed by W. Glen Fairclough, Jr., in May 2000.

PREFERRED CITATION: Cite the Utah State Archives and Records Service, the creating agency name, the series title, and the series number.

CONTAINER LIST

Reel	Description
1	1-407 [Vol. 1, 1883-1906]
1	412-713 [Vol. (1), 1899-1907]
2	714-807 [Vol. (1), 1899-1907]
2	810-1225 [Vol. 1A, 1907-1914]
1	1226-1287 [Vol. 1, 1864-1908]

Reel	Description
2	1474-1993 [Vol. 2, 1914-1920]
2	1994-2041 [Vol. 3, 1920-1921]
3	2042-2518 [Vol. 3, 1921-1926]
3	2519-3070 [Vol. 4, 1926-1933]
3	3071-3172 [Vol. 5, 1933-1934]
4	3173-3619 [Vol. 5, 1934-1938]
4	3620-4178 [Vol. 6, 1938-1944]
4	4179-4293 [Vol. 7, 1944-1945]
5	4294-4758 [Vol. 7, 1945-1948]
5	4765-5343 [Vol. 8, 1948-1953]
5	5344-5464 [Vol. 9, 1953-1955]
6	5465-5878 [Vol. 9, 1955-1958]
6	5879-6446 [Vol. 10, 1958-1963]
6	6447-6583 [Vol. 11, 1963-1964]
7	6584-6766 [Vol. 11, 1964-1966]